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SUBJECT: FIRST EM-9 TRIAL IN 1976

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1. TWELVE MEMBER PANEL OF SEOUL DISTRICT COURT HELD SESSION OF FIRST EM-9 TRIAL IN 1976 ON FEBRUARY 9. IN THE DOCKET WERE KYE HUN-CHI, FORMER SPOKESMAN FOR NOW DEFUNCT NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY (NCRD) AND KIM YUN-SIK, FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN AND MEMBER DEFUNCT DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

2. KYE AND KIM WERE ARRESTED IN MID-OCTOBER BECAUSE THEY HAD COPIES OF POLITICAL SITUATION PAPER WRITTEN BY KYE PURPORTING INTER-ALIA TO PROVE THAT PRESIDENT PARK IS A COMMUNIST. AT TRIAL SESSION, KYE ADMITTED HE WROTE PAPER ON BASIC PROBLEM OF RESTORING DEMOCRACY IN KOREA BUT ARGUED THAT THIS WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION AND NOT INTENDED TO DEFAME THE GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: FACT THAT TRIAL SESSION REPORTED IN NEWSPAPER FAIRLY UNUSUAL. THIS COUPLED WITH TIMING OF TRIAL BEFORE UNIVERSITIES OPEN IN MARCH, LEADS TO SUPPOSITION THAT GOVERNMENT COULD BE RUNNING UP EM-9 WARNING FLAGS FOR
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STUDENTS TO SEE. END COMMENT.

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